

### REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 21-24, 26, 29, 30, 32-34, and 41-44 currently stand rejected. In addition, claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 15-20, 25, 27, 28, 31, and 35-40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 5, 7, 11, 15, 21, 25, 27, 31, 35, and 41-44 are amended, and claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 21-24, 26, 29, 30, 32-34, and 41-44 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

In the Office Action of February 25, 2009, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 21-24, 26, 29, 30, 32-34, and 41-44 remain rejected. Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited references, and instead, herein cancel currently rejected claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 21-24, 26, 29, 30, 32-34, and 41-44 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims are not cancelled or amended herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims are cancelled or amended solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any

additional claims in Applications that may claim priority in the present Application.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 15-20, 25, 27, 28, 31, and 35-40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants therefore herein amend claims 5, 7, 11, 15, 25, 27, 31, and 35 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, to thereby place these claims in condition for immediate allowance. The remaining indicated claims depend from these amended claims, and therefore are also in condition for immediate allowance for at least the same reasons.

### Summary

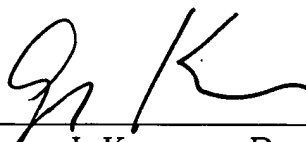
Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Because the cited references, or the Examiner's citations thereto, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and in light of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited prior art, Applicants therefore submit that the claimed invention is patentable over the cited art, and respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 15-20, 25, 27, 28, 31, and 35-40, so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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